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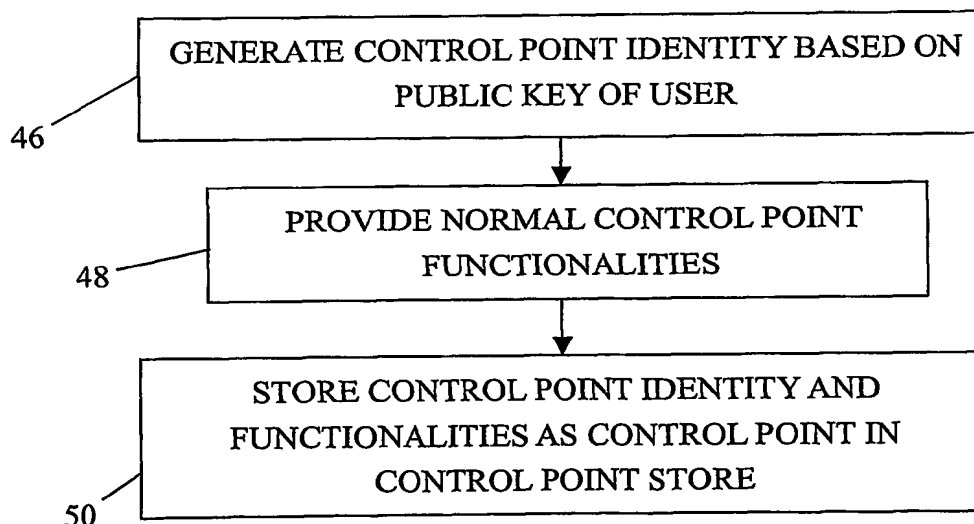
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method, apparatus, computer program product and computer program element for creating a control point associated with a user in a computing environment having a network connectivity model, a method apparatus, computer program product and computer program element for accessing services provided by a device in such an environment. A control point is created for a user including a control point identity (step 46) based on a public key of the user and control point functionalities (step 48). The control point is stored (step 50) such that the user can operate any device from any physical entity or point of access where the control point is activated.



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